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LETTER DATED 28 MARCH 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to submit to you the following information, which denotes a violation of Iraq's territorial integrity and an overstepping of any legitimacy claimed for the occupation of Iraqi territory:

1. On 12 March 1991, United States armoured forces entered the western part of the city of Nasiriyah as a result of mortar-fire being directed against them by saboteurs. The forces withdrew to their former positions after being informed by the inhabitants that it was not the army that had fired on them but saboteur elements.

2. On 15 March 1991, a United States force destroyed three tank transporters loaded with tanks on the Barjasiyah - Zubayr road and searched officers of the evacuation group and confiscated their light weapons.

3. On 27 March 1991, United States forces in four helicopters approached to within a distance of 1 kilometre of the highway bridge leading to and from Nasiriyah. They remained in the area for a period of 15 minutes. There is information that United States forces detained a number of soldiers.

4. On 28 March 1991, a company of United States tanks advanced, approached to within a distance of 2 kilometres of the town of Suq al-Shuyukh and took up positions facing the town. A squadron of tanks proceeded at speed along the highway in the direction of Nasiriyah.

5. On 20 March 1991, an aircraft belonging to the coalition forces shot down a Sukhoi-22 aircraft near the Air Force College at Takrit.

6. On 22 March 1991, two United States F-15s shot down two PC-9 aircraft in the Kirkuk area.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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